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The following, doted loth-loth varniary, is from an Arab source in Junusalem who is well qualified to estimate trains in Arab public opinion.

(1) In the past few weeks, there has been a strong revulation of folding against the Mufti among the Polestine Araba. The public is greating to regard Hej Amin as the mon responsible for the present sufferings of his countrymen, to which they feel he has exposed them through ambitious haste to set hostilities in metion. That he should have fostered the present troubles without adojute properation and without even now showing signs of reaching agreement with the Arab States is said to have coused great bitterness even among his former supportors.

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(ii) The disorganisation evident in the Jerusalem office of the Arab Sicher Executive has led to the impression that the Euri's men in February have no authority and are failing at this time of the national crisis.

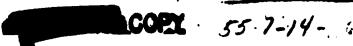
(iii) The Nufti's continued rivelry with King Abdullah at a time when the latter's forces in Polestine neem to constitute the only protection for the Arabs is considered short-sighted and presumptuous. It is being felt increasingly that King Abdullah may probably after all have to be called upon immediately after the British evacuation to "come to the Arabs' rescue".

## Abdul Codir of Hucoini

(iv) The activities of Abdul Undir al Russini, whose bend is now believed to number at a maximum one number and neveled similarly to surprised resentment. The man when the Mufti wishes to not as national leader is folt to have shown himself incapable of any wider strategy than that used in the disturbences of 1938.

him well in the post, is stated to have decided that Abdul Qedir would make a good choice if a certain naivete and incomplete group of affairs were made up for by the officiency of Dr. David all Massini

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and Semi Musa Kazim Pasha. Those two men, At hul Qadir's present lieutements, are reported to have the final word in most questions of policy which they consider with their immediate chief.

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(FAU) Dr. Kholidi is stated to estimate from his (vi) own observation that the number of rifles held by arabs in all Priestine is about 10,000 or 12,000. Of these 4,000 are computed by him to be in the Mablus area, 4,000 in the Habron area, and the remainder distributed throughout the country. The main part of the total is reported to have been in Polestine before the distrubances began; most of the remainder came from Egypt.

Profitoering in arms continuos: o "bomb" (111) priced at from 3-7 piastrus in E ppt is stated to cost a pound or a pound and a half in Palestino. The number of rifles brown or a pound and a half in Polestino. The number of rifles brought in is described as insufficient; that of homes not more than "efew hundred". Dr. Khalidi and Hilmi Pasha are stated to fear that if the present trend in the Arab-Jovish incidents is maintained, fighting will inevitably become concentrated in the towns, giving an advantage to the Jows.

The Arabs are alarmed at reports (vi11) i that a Jawish-owned civilian mircraft dropped massages recently to Jovish armed bodies in the Hebron arca. The denger represented to the Arabs by the possibility that the Jows may use aircraft for bombing is strongly felt. On that account, the result of an enquiry into the matter which the British authorities are bolioved to have in hand is awaited with anxiety.